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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Here Application of:

MANABU TAKAYAMA, ET AL.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and preserves all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

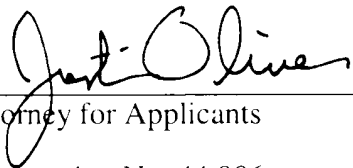
JAPAN 2000-115514, filed April 17, 2000; and

JAPAN 2001-104997, filed April 3, 2001.

Certified copies of the priority documents are enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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